



IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently amended)** A cover housing for a tennis net support ~~pole post~~, said cover housing comprising a ~~post casing~~ that provides an internal chamber in which the tennis net support ~~pole post~~ can extend when the ~~post casing~~ is lowered thereover, a removable cap that can be positioned over an upper end of the ~~post casing~~, and positioning means which extend through opposite sides of the ~~post casing~~ for contact with the tennis net support ~~pole post~~ therein for fixedly positioning the ~~post casing~~ relative to the support ~~pole post~~ and adjusting its orientation to vertical.

2. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 1, wherein said positioning means comprises an upper positioning means located near an upper end of said casing and a lower positioning means located near a lower end of said casing.

3. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 2, wherein said upper positioning means comprises a first mounting element that extends into said casing and first screw element which extends through said first mounting element into said internal chamber.

4. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 3, wherein said lower positioning means comprises a second mounting means which extends into said casing and a second screw element which extends through said second mounting means into said internal chamber.

5. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 4, wherein said casing includes a vertical slot in an upper end thereof.

6. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 5, including a cable winch mounted on said casing.

7. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 6, including a plurality of vertically spaced eye hooks mounted along said casing.

8. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 2, wherein said casing is made of wood.

9. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 1, wherein said casing includes first and second profiles connected together.

10. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 1, wherein said casing defined a generally square outer cross section and a generally diamond-shaped internal chamber.

11. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 1, wherein said cap includes a slot for a net cable.

12. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 11, wherein said cap includes a square base and a pyramidal top.

13. **(Original)** A cover housing according to claim 11, wherein said cap includes a square base and a ball top.

14. **(Currently amended)** A casing for covering a tennis net support post, said casing providing an internal chamber and including upper and lower positioning means ~~[[on]]~~ extending through opposite sides thereof for contacting a tennis net support post therein ~~for fixedly positioning to fixedly position~~ the casing relative to the post therein and enabling adjustment thereof to vertical.

15. **(Currently amended)** A casing according to claim 14, wherein said upper and lower positioning means each comprise a mounting element that extends into the casing and a screw element that extends through the mounting ~~means~~ element.

16. **(Original)** A combination of a support post for a net and a cover housing positioned over the support post, said cover housing comprising a casing that has an internal chamber in which the post extends, upper and lower positioning means on opposite sides of the casing for contact with the support post in the internal chamber, and a cap for covering an upper end of the casing.

17. **(Original)** A combination according to claim 16, wherein said support post includes a hook thereon for a tennis net cable.

18. **(Original)** A combination according to claim 16, wherein said support post includes an internal winch.

19. **(Currently amended)** A combination according to claim 18, wherein said casing includes a vertical slot near an upper end thereof and including a hand crank with coupling which can extend through said vertical slot to engage a ~~shnak~~ shank of said internal winch for operation thereof.

20. **(Original)** A combination according to claim 16, including a hand winch attached to an outer side of said casing.